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REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19 and 22 being independent. New claims 25-32 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Applicant hereby elects the invention of Species I (claims 4-6), which is drawn to a sensor having an optical fiber plate, wherein an area is larger than half of an optical fiber. New claims 25-32 are believed to read on the elected species. Claims 1-3 are generic.

A check in the amount of \$144.00 is enclosed for excess claim fees. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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